**NORTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th April, 2018 in the village hall.**

**Present:** Paula Knott, Chair, Mike Palmer, Vice Chairman, Jean Adkins. Nita Wyatt, Phil Bareham,

Ken Hayward, Graham Withnell, Adrian Jones. Clerk: Janet Gobey

Also present: PCSO Graham Phimister, Michael Clark, Chairman, Staplegrove Parish Council,

and eleven members of the public.

The meeting started at 7pm with open discussion for the public, questions raised were:

1. The relocation of the Post Office, when is it likely to be open.

The latest update from the Co-op shop is that the opening has been delayed until the

summer.

1. A request that the replacement bridge is moved to nearer Manor Gardens or that the

abutments of the existing bridges are repaired. The Clerk will contact Rights of Way,

Somerset County Council and make enquiries and request a copy of the engineering

report for the bridge abutments. To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

1. A query if the remaining hedge is to be removed which runs alongside the current Langford

Mead development. Cllr. Jean Adkins offered to check the planning application.

1. Cllr. Nita Wyatt requested if the main road outside the pedestrian entrance to the village

hall could be repaired and outside the Doctor’s Surgery as both areas flood. The Clerk will

forward the request to Somerset Highways.

**1.04.18 Apologies for absence** – Paula Clinchant.

**2.04.18 Declarations of Interest**

Adrian Jones declared a personal interest in item no. 6, Paula Knott declared a

personal interest in item 6 and 10(a) Planning 25/18/0008 extension to primary

school.

**3.04.18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March, 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**4.04.18 Police Matters**

PCSO Graham Phimister read a report, no long term issues were reported. A police

surgery will be held in the village hall, dates are listed in the foyer. It is hoped

to reinstate the speed watch.

**5.04.18 To consider supporting Staplegrove Parish Council’s plea for a northern ring road.**

Chair, Paula Knott invited Michael Clerk, Chairman of Staplegrove Parish Council

to explain. Existing or proposed housing developments will complete large

sections of a northern ring road leaving only a short section of 500m to complete.

After discussion it was generally agreed to support the plan. Cllrs. Mike Palmer,

Graham Withnell and Nita Wyatt offered to investigate and give a more detailed

response.

**6.04.18 New playing field.**

It appears little progress has been made by Taunton Deane. Council agreed to

chase Tim Burton and reaffirmed that they wish to follow the Compulsory Order

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route which would mean no development of the existing playing field.

Proposed Paula Clinchant, seconded Graham Withnell and agreed unanimously.

**7.04.18 To consider names for roads for the final phase of the Langford Mead**

**development.**

It was generally agreed to offer names that have a historical significance to

the parish, the following six names were chosen and will be sent to Taunton Deane:

Chapples , Apple Tree, Winpenny, Trenchard, Jeffords and King George VI.

Taunton Deane has the final choice.

**8.04.18 To consider quotes for parish maintenance and dog bin collection for 2018/19.**

Two quotes were considered, it was agreed to continue with Council’s present

contractor Martin King. The dog bin collection will be carried out by Taunton Deane.

Proposed Jean Adkins, seconded Paula Knott, carried.

**9.04.18 Actions from the last meeting.**

Ideas were requested for the nature reserve at the playing field. Paula Knott

proposed an archway is installed where the fence has been broken down and that

maintenance of the paths is included on the maintenance schedule.

It is intended to purchase a bench to create a central feature. Proposed Jean Adkins

seconded Mike Palmer and agreed unanimously to include the paths on Council’s

maintenance schedule.

**10.04.18 Planning: (a)**

25/18/0004 Change of use of land to garden, 38 Dabinett Close - no objection.

25/18/0008 3-classroom block extension to Norton Primary School

No objection but Council will request that the required number of parking places

are provided.

**(b) Applications received since issue of agenda**  none received.

**(c) Approvals and refusals:**

25/17/0026 227 dwellings, Langford Mead, Norton Fitzwarren – application

approved.

25/17/0030 change of use of land from agricultural to garden, Little Barn,

Monty’s Lane – application approved.

**11.04.18 To consider proposals for the nature reserve.**

(Item discussed in 9. above).

**12.04.18 Finance:**

**(a) Regular monthly electronic payments for approval for 2018/19.**

Three regular payments were approved, the Clerk’s salary and expenses, HMRC,

both monthly and the quarterly webpage payment. Proposed Paula Knott,

seconded Nita Wyatt, carried.

**(b) Payments for approval and any subsequently received:**

Greenslade Taylor Hunt for advice £480.00

TDBC photocopies for Parish Council for 4 months £12.16

TDBC for emptying dog bins £711.36

TDBC cutting grass on playing field (6 visits June & July 2017 only) £576.00

SALC for training £50.00

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HMRC £103.07

Clerk’s salary and expenses £802.57

Website fee (quarterly) £39.96

Proposed the above are paid Paula Knott, seconded Nita Wyatt, carried.

**13.04.18 Reports:**

**(a) SCC** No report

**(b) TDBC**

Cllr. Jean Adkins reported that the merger between Taunton Deane and West

Somerset Councils is in the Parliamentary process. Wards will be altered and ward

Councillors will be reduced.

**(c) Footpaths** – no report

**(d) Health and safety**

The ‘Skier’ at the playing field will be repaired and the ground lowered to comply

with ROSPA regulations.

**(d) Clerk**

Council will be contacted by Somerset Highways when the SID programme is up and

running.

The Internal Auditor will be Bryan Howe, as last year, at the same rate.

**14.04.18 Correspondence**

As list circulated by the Clerk, a complaint has been received regarding

grants awarded to the village hall. The information requested will be forwarded

by the Clerk as soon as possible.

**15.04.18 Date, time and place of Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting:**

Wednesday 2nd May, 2018 at 7pm in the village hall. The Annual Parish Council

meeting (AGM) will immediately follow the Annual Parish meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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